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A hot potato

Speak of an issue which many people are talking about and which is usually disputed

A penny for your thoughts

A way of asking what someone is thinking

Actions speak louder than words

People's intentions can be judged better by what they do than what they say.

Add insult to injury

To further a loss with mockery or indignity; to worsen an unfavorable situation.

An arm and a leg

Very expensive or costly. A large amount of money.

At the drop of a hat

Meaning: without any hesitation; instantly.

Back to the drawing board

When an attempt fails and it's time to start all over.

Ball is in your court

It is up to you to make the next decision or step

Barking up the wrong tree

Looking in the wrong place. Accusing the wrong person

Be glad to see the back of

Be happy when a person leaves.

Beat around the bush

Avoiding the main topic. Not speaking directly about the issue

Best of both worlds

Meaning: All the advantages.

Best thing since sliced bread

A good invention or innovation. A good idea or plan.

Bite off more than you can chew

To take on a task that is way to big.

Blessing in disguise

Something good that isn't recognized at first.

Burn the midnight oil

To work late into the night, alluding to the time before electric lighting.

Can't judge a book by its cover

Cannot judge something primarily on appearance.

Caught between two stools

When someone finds it difficult to choose between two alternatives.

Costs an arm and a leg

This idiom is used when something is very expensive.

Cross that bridge when you come to it

Deal with a problem if and when it becomes necessary, not before.

Cry over spilt milk

When you complain about a loss from the past.

Curiosity killed the cat

Being Inquisitive can lead you into an unpleasant situation.

Cut corners

When something is done badly to save money.

Cut the mustard

To succeed; to come up to expectations; adequate enough to compete or participate

Devil's Advocate

To present a counter argument

Don't count your chickens before the eggs have hatched

This idiom is used to express "Don't make plans for something that might not happen".

Don't give up the day job

You are not very good at something. You could definitely not do it professionally.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket

Do not put all your resources in one possibility.

Drastic times call for drastic measures

When you are extremely desperate you need to take drastic actions.

Elvis has left the building

The show has come to an end. It's all over.

Every cloud has a silver lining

Be optimistic, even difficult times will lead to better days.

Far cry from

Very different from.

Feel a bit under the weather

Meaning: Feeling slightly ill.

Give the benefit of the doubt

Believe someone's statement, without proof.

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Hear it on the grapevine

This idiom means 'to hear rumors' about something or someone.

Hit the nail on the head

Do or say something exactly right

Hit the sack / sheets / hay

To go to bed.

In the heat of the moment

Overwhelmed by what is happening in the moment.

It takes two to tango

Actions or communications need more than one person

Jump on the bandwagon

Join a popular trend or activity.

Keep something at bay

Keep something away.

Kill two birds with one stone

This idiom means, to accomplish two different things at the same time.

Last straw

The final problem in a series of problems.

Let sleeping dogs lie

Do not disturb a situation as it is - since it would result in trouble or complications.

Let the cat out of the bag

To share information that was previously concealed

Make a long story short

Come to the point - leave out details

Method to my madness

An assertion that, despite one's approach seeming random, there actually is structure to it.

Miss the boat

This idiom is used to say that someone missed his or her chance

Not a spark of decency

Meaning: No manners

Not playing with a full deck

Someone who lacks intelligence.

Off one's rocker

Crazy, demented, out of one's mind, in a confused or befuddled state of mind, senile.

On the ball

When someone understands the situation well.

Once in a blue moon

Meaning: Happens very rarely.

Picture paints a thousand words

A visual presentation is far more descriptive than words.

Piece of cake

A job, task or other activity that is easy or simple.

Put wool over other people's eyes

This means to deceive someone into thinking well of them.

This idiom is used to say that two (or more people) agree on something.

Sit on the fence

This is used when someone does not want to choose or make a decision.

Speak of the devil!

This expression is used when the person you have just been talking about arrives.

Steal someone's thunder

To take the credit for something someone else did.

Take with a grain of salt

This means not to take what someone says too seriously.

Taste of your own medicine

Means that something happens to you, or is done to you, that you have done to someone else

To hear something straight from the horse's mouth

To hear something from the authoritative source.

Whole nine yards

Everything. All of it.

Wouldn't be caught dead

Would never like to do something

Your guess is as good as mine

To have no idea, do not know the answer to a question

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Key messages

- In Section 1 candidates are advised to familiarise themselves with the criteria for Task Fulfilment and
 use them as a checklist. Where a response achieves a low band mark for Language, it can still gain a
 good band mark for Task Fulfilment.
 - Attention should be given to the full requirements of each bullet point in Section 1; often there is a
 word, such as and, in bold type, to indicate two parts to the bullet point.
- Ensuring correct tenses and agreement would improve the work of the majority of candidates.
- Direct speech raises the level of a narrative but it needs to contribute to the narrative and be carefully punctuated and paragraphed.
- The use of capital letters could be more accurate; they are often used when they are not necessary an
 / or omitted when they are essential.
- Candidates are advised to work on achieving more accurate use of definite and indefinite articles to improve the fluency of their responses.
- Correct punctuation (full stops, commas) and a more varied use of punctuation (colons, semi-colons, exclamation marks) would raise the level of most responses.

General comments

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- In Section 1 tasks it is important to develop the bullet points as evenly as possible and ensure that
- all required information is included.
 It is important for candidates to remember that they should address both parts of a bullet point when
- the word **and** is in **bold**.
- Consider all the titles in Section 2 before deciding which topic to write on.
 Direct speech is useful in developing characters and plot, but must be punctuated properly with

It is essential to read the question carefully and follow all the instructions given.

- correct use of paragraphs.
- Care should be taken in the use of capital letters.
 Concentration on correct tenses and agreement would improve candidates' writing in both sections.

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www.megalecture.com Section 1 Dear Siro, I'm writing to report a Mobery at my house that occurred on 20th September. On the day in question I was out shopping in the market between TA 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. When I returned to my house, I found that the such on , the door was broken, and the interior was in a untidy I immediately searched through my entire house. The perpetrotors were obviously long gone, and unfortunately they had also gotten away with several valuable items. After I took an investory of my remaining possessions, I ratived that the stolen items included my silver watch, my diamond bracolet, and \$2,000 worth of each, Thy watch is made of gogline 925 silver with a bracelet classification 15 cm in length. The face is mend and measures approximately 2 cm in humster, with Roman numerals marking the numbers. My bracelel is a simple while gold bangle inhaid with small diamonds around the perinater; I purchased it from Lago Hiamonds. The \$2,000 in each was all the money I kept in the house I noticed that there were fingerprint smedgle on my bedroom mirror and a fraged piece of red cloth caught in my dresser drawer, there were also footpresse in my I believe you might be able to tack the robband robband by tracking sales of waters or bracelets to femolog shops, or by looking for people with fraged red clothes and men's, I hope you can quickly solve this solvery and beate my belongings. I will help you way I can you can contact me at you are not my house address as writing the back of the envelope this letter came with. any way I can you can contact me at on the back of the envelope this letter came with. Word count: 281

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Task Fulfilment mark = 15 out of 15 Language mark = 14 out of 15

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mistake of lapsing into narrative.

The **task fulfilment** is very strong. There is a clear sense of the *purpose*, *audience* and *situation* given in the address and the opening paragraph. The *purpose* is re-emphasised in the opening of the final paragraph

which brings a sense of unity to the text. The *format* is good, without being perfect — "Cordially" is just formal enough to confirm the seriousness of the letter, whereas 'Yours faithfully' would have been better. There is an effort made to provide an *opinion with justification* in the penultimate paragraph. The *tone and register* are excellent as the letter is crisp, matter-of-fact and polite; it has a number of appropriate phrases such as "On the day in question". Most importantly, the *detail* in response to the bullet points in the question, especially in the second paragraph, is convincing and helpful to the police. There is a real attempt to suggest how the police might catch the thieves, something that many candidates left out or simply allowed to be a hope. There is also a sensible use of elaboration in providing a contact number.

The **language** of the letter is very good indeed because it is not over elaborate; a letter like this needs to be direct. The *accuracy* is excellent and the *sentence structure* is complex in places, without being fussy. The *verb forms and tenses* are absolutely secure while the *vocabulary* is mature ("perpetrators"; "inventory") and the *spelling* is accurate. *Paragraphing* and *punctuation* (even a semi-colon) are also of a high standard, although some lapses with commas and the repetition of "I" as a paragraph opening prevent this from being full marks.

F<mark>ornLivenClasses</mark>peR<mark>ecord</mark>ed Lectures, Notes & Past Pa www.megalecture.com Section 2 It was the day of the party - the day everyone at school had been waiting for all through senior year. The graduating class of 2012 of Rockland City High had been planning and preparing opted to host a casual-style party this year instead of the more traditional from the school usually held, and they had been planning and preparing for it since Jebruary. Now it was the day after graduation and they the students had all received their diplomas, and were now very excited about the party that evening. Cindy thought she had never seen anything more fabulous. Not only was the weather look and breezy, yet not rainy, but "the also, the decorations some committee had done a fine job with the school hall, where the party was to be Thick, fluffy eloth show drages had been hung at strategic points along the walls, interspersed with sprigs of plastic flowers. Coloured Celliphane base was wagged around the lights to create a plethora of vibrant hues when they were sovithed on. a pale green meadow made up was painted on the backdrop behind the stage, eplashed generously with blue and pink flowers; above it king a gigantic, plain white banner bearing the words "CLASS OF 2012" in white vivid robin's egg blue. Cindy brew, however, that the main attraction would be the long buffet table at the end of the room, already graphed with heaping plates of month-walling food from Conne a latering. And yet, as more and more people started arriving for the party, Cindy frommed. Everything was perfect, yes - except for one thing. Alison's absence was conspicuous - as class valedictionan and chairperson of the organisation committee, she should have been the first to arrive but the party was. now in full swing, and she was nowhere to be found. Everyone noticed she wasn't there, but no - one would understand why she failed to turn up. at last, timber when 8:00 pm struck and alison dean't some, tenty secided to make the 5-minute drive to alison's home. When she got there, she found alison, drewd in a pretty white the standing in the garden with a tell young man. who looked a lot like her. It was clear from her face that alison was surprisedyet her eyes also sportled with joy as she threw herself into the young man s

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Total mark awarded = 27 out of 30

Examiner comment – grade A

The essay is a response to Question 3 and concerns a young woman called Alison not turning up for a prom party. The essay correctly interprets 'failed to turn up' as being absent, whereas many candidates saw it as meaning 'failed to do well', as in an exam or sporting event. The achievement places this essay in Band 1 because it is highly accurate in its language while the content creates great interest. However, it is in the lower half of Band 1 because it contains lapses in the language and the content is a bit of an anti-climax in the final sentence.

Overall the **language** is highly accurate. The *sentence structure* is complex, containing a variety of sentence lengths and types and even employing dramatic short sentences for effect — "Alison wasn't there.". *Verb forms and tenses* are very good indeed and the candidate can handle sophisticated forms as in "Cindy thought she had never seen". However, the tenses are not perfect, with "Alison didn't come" being a fault — it is an indication that scripts do not have to be perfect to get into Band 1 but must have real merit to offset any lapses. Here, there is some excellent, precise observation and detail as in "vivid robin's egg blue". *Vocabulary* is certainly a very strong point ("opted", "conspicuous", "host", "valedictorian", "vibrant", "strategic") although there is a sense that the candidate overstretches occasionally with "plethora" and "heaping" not being quite right. *Punctuation* is very good with sophistication again demonstrated in the use of the semi-colon. *Paragraphing* is also good although some might debate the use of "And" to start one paragraph. *Spelling*, especially of such a mature vocabulary, is excellent. This is a complex, sophisticated, occasionally tense, narrative with a real 'feel' for the occasion. Linguistically, it is far better than the 'accurate' descriptor of Band 2 and yet is not so accurate as to be at the top of Band 1.

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Example candidate response – grade A WW

1.) In a today's world, celebrities one people to whom ordinary people like you and me look up to. We follow their interceting lives, try to imagine own ourselves with the otite, glanower and tacking in their places and how our lives would be if we were them. But the buth is that most of these celebrities had very hard lives before all this glitz, glamour and fashion. Their past lives are what make these colebrities who they one. But with lavers and admires of these colebrities, come the haters of them as well. My favority celebrity is Marshall Mathers - known as Eminem - wheras my least favority colebrity is Krister Stewart. There are many reasons (for) why I love Eminem and why he has earned the love and respect of millions of people around the world. Marchall Mathers grow was born in Detroit Michigan and had a very trugh life growing up Bring a short and resourny boy to and a minority in a largely black school, he was pushed are around and buttled a let the war never the best at school and left never finished thigh School. But he had something that no one else at that time had had - Passion. A passion to be different of passion to be the very best vapper. explain emphasis " Marshall had a long way to go however and would have to jump over many hurdles before becoming one of the grant At that time, capping was mainly dominated by people of African American decent, and by becoming the first caucarian rapper, Morshall proved he was willing to

For Live Classes, Recorded Lectures, No go to all lengths just to become www.megalecture Marshall was also criticized a lot for his ranges songs which were dremed as vulgor. He was bashed by critics and povents alike and and there were also protest morches against him. He refused to give up on his dream however and he wan over everyone with his lyrics. This is one of the main reasons he is considered a lyrical grainsthe has a way with words the way he can nanipulate w words. His lyrice can be interpreted in many ways as well-One of his greatest qualities is how he grow up with a fatherless post but hos proven himself to be the best father a child can have with the way he treats his desoluters. One of the greatest examples of this is how ED Marshall stopped taking drugs for the sake of his daughters. When Eminem Oppowerdosed on Vicadin and Oxycodore and almost died, he realized he would have to charge something just for his daughter, as there was no way he would leave then like his ather had left him. Even though he relopsed a few times, he never gave up and finally wen the war against his addiction in 2004 2009 and he has been My least favority celebrity would have to be king Similar to how I have a celebrity I admire the most I also have a celebrity that I believe does anot deserve We term and attention she gets. Kristen Stewart, though a browtiful woman, is not the greatest actor and - she is just to averrated in the

www.megalecture.com mainstream media. She hit acting as a protogonist in the tow Twilight series and even though she was praised for her potermance, I did not like her acking of all. Althroson Almost all the movies she stors in, she is a expressionless as a brick and you can basely tell if she's happy as upset. Another reason she is least admired is due to her instability in relationships. She cheated with her boyfrierd of 3 years with an older mon. And even through we all make mistoker, the other person was a morried mon. Celebritas around the world There are celebraties all around the world. But it is their characters and personalities that make them admirable, loved and respected.

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The essay is a response to Question 1 and describes two celewww the line of a track to the COI Kristen Stewart. The essay is a very satisfactory length, giving a little more consideration to Eminem than to Kristen Stewart, and the treatment effectively contrasts the two in the way the question requires. The candidate is admirably clear in emphasising the different qualities of the two celebrities and the essay creates real interest by giving an insight into the values of modern, popular culture. In fact, the quality of this content is vital in supporting the linguistic quality of the writing. There is a high level of accuracy in this essay but there are also some straightforward errors and so it is in the lower half of Band 1.

As has been said, overall the language is very accurate. What is crucial here in putting this in Band 1 rather than Band 2 is that the errors are not serious ones. The sentence structure is very good as it has complexity and also it attempts different constructions for effect - see particularly the effective conclusion to paragraph 2 and the sustained sentence lengths and complexity in paragraph 5. Unfortunately, the one real flaw of the essay is the use of conjunctions as sentence openings, although there is some excuse for it here as the overall style is more colloquial than in most descriptive essays. Verb forms and tenses are very good indeed and the candidate moves easily between past and present tenses. The sentence structures and the correct tenses give the essay a natural fluency which is very convincing. Vocabulary is certainly a strong point ("scrawny", "minority", "lyrical", "manipulate", "relapsed" as well as the very sophisticated phrase "deemed as vulgar"). The repetition of "Passion" for emphasis is very good. This is a mature range of vocabulary. There is a sense that the candidate is very comfortable using such words but the vocabulary is not flawless - the phrase "to whom" in the first line is excellent and yet it is let down by the repetition of the preposition at the end of the sentence; furthermore, "too overated" at the end is overdone. Punctuation is very good with sophistication again demonstrated in the use of the dashes for emphasis and in the use of commas ("Kristen Stewart, though a beautiful woman,"). Paragraphing is also very good in the way that it divides the material after a good introduction and finishes with a definite and sensible final paragraph. Spelling, especially of such a mature vocabulary, is excellent with only one or two slips. Linguistically, this essay is better than the merely 'accurate' descriptor of Band 2 and yet is not so accurate as to be at the top of Band 1.

LINKING WORDS IN ENGLISH

Emphasis	Addition	Contrast	Order
Undoubtedly	Additionally / an additional	Unlike	First/ firstly
Indeed	Furthermore	Nevertheless	Second/ secondly
Obviously	Also	On the other hand	Third/ thirdly
Particularly / in particular	Тоо	Nonetheless	Finally
Especially	As well as that	Despite / in spite of	At this time
Clearly	Along with	In contrast (to)	Following
Importantly Sum	mary p2 Besides	While	Previously
Absolutely	In addition	Whereas	Before
Definitely	Moreover	Alternatively	Subsequently
Without a doubt	Not onlybut also	Conversely	Above all
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Example candidate response – grade A

Section 2:

lopic = 2 In the current modern era of the 21st Century, societies have advanced and people have been organised into different nations. Democracy has duken the world by a stoom spread for and wide and dichetorage have been toppled down by the people. Politics has become an ever graving phenomenan that people have and continue to debate over. In most of the well known news channels such as Al Jazzera, CNN, BBC ote, we see people talking about politics and most of these people are wither middle - aged or seniors. In short, youngar pool people are not taking interest in politics today. It is evident that the younger people youths around the world are very busy and engrossed in their personal matters which include studies, ren relationships, sociality socializing ate. The schedules of these peop young people soon are always full and they have to atlend postics, propose for their exams ale everyday do a lot of things everyday. There is no time for them to think about or take an interest in the field of politics. A study by a group of new researchers from the University of Ne York las shown that the a whapping 70% of gappysters do not even visit the news channels let alone other channels specially dedicated to the discussion of political Youngelors have no interest larly was Apout from that, youngsters tend to think that politics con meant for older people and not for them. This is evident from the fact that youngeters abserve , that their posseds talk the news channels that their parents watch only have elder people discussing about over a contain issues. They home Youngsters have a mindset that they are only supposed to match channels that are related to studies colectainment and leave the news channels to their older people parents. and other older people living with them to a Repeate As a result of this yvergeter hardly know about politics and the changes that are taking place to their nation and the mould. Many youngeties might find that politics is being compared to the things they do Perents